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MARGINAL COLUMN

By MEIR MINDLIN

A BRILLIANT assessment of the Middle Eastern situation can be found in the August "Commentary," in an article called "Can the Middle East be Held?" by G.F. Hudson, director of the Centre for Far Eastern Studies at St. Antony's College, Oxford. Starting with the question of Western Europe's oil supply, the cessation of which would endanger the Western alliance, he reminds us that "apart from oil, the region as a whole, with its prevailing aridity, is one of minor importance in contemporary world economics." Control over the power to supply or withhold oil as a means of political blackmail is Nasser's object, as well as the eventual Soviet aim in the area. Mr. Hudson envisages three possibilities of Europe being deprived of its oil. The first might be direct Soviet military control of the oil-producing areas as a result of a local or distant war, the second the formation of a confederacy of Arab states which would threaten to withhold oil if its political demands were not granted, and the third a combination of the first two: "an anti-Western Arab coalition receiving Soviet military aid to an extent which would render it wholly subordinate to Soviet policy."

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MR. Hudson considers the first danger to be the least likely of the three. As for the second, it is obvious that this is Nasser's aim, and therefore, "to bring Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia into close alliance with the U.A.R. must be the unceasing endeavour of the Pan-Arab nationalism which has its centre in Cairo." And since the Pan-Arab idea is most attractive when unifying issues eclipse parochial concerns, "it is to the interest of Nasser and the Pan-Arab extremists to keep the Middle East continually in a ferment, to provoke one crisis after another, and to prevent any stabilization." If Nasser were to dominate the oil-producing states, Mr. Hudson does not believe that Iran could long pursue an independent policy. However, Pan-Arab ambitions are handicapped by the military weakness of the Arab states, and it is precisely this factor which will make them increasingly dependent on Soviet support, thus enabling the Russians to use them against the West. Mr. Hudson believes that the pressure to attack Israel will increase in proportion to the attainment of Arab unity: "If the Pan-Arab cause were to prevail in Amman, as well as Baghdad and Damascus, Nasser could not long refrain from a new aggression against Israel."

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SINCE it is useless for the Western democracies to try to compete with Russia in winning over the Arab nationalists, because of Arab instability and unreliability and the Arab condition that Israel be destroyed, Mr. Hudson concludes that "the West must write off the Arab world as a region of friendly, or even neutral countries." There are two things the West must do to offset the economic and strategic effects of the Arab states falling into the Soviet orbit. One is for NATO to give the highest priority to the development of oil fields outside the Middle East (such as the Athabasca oil-bearing sands in Canada, etc.). Mr. Hudson's other proposal I should like to quote in full:

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THE other main need for Western policy is to face the probability that the eastern end of the Mediterranean will soon become a frontier, and to concentrate on strengthening the two countries there which are friendly to the West, which are threatened either by Russia or by Pan-Arabism, and which can be relied on to resist with all their forces if attacked — that is to say, Turkey and Israel. Turkey indeed is already a member of NATO, but the idea of any association with Israel is still intolerable to the pro-Arab yearners of the British Foreign Office and the U.S. State Department, whose hopes of winning over Nasser (or alternatively building up rivals to Nasser) never seem to fade, however often their policies end in frustration and defeat. The course of events, however, must sooner or later drive the Western powers to recognise who are their friends and who their enemies; the only question is whether they will recognize it in time to draw concrete advantages from a revision of policy, or whether wisdom will only be forced upon them in an hour of crisis and panic.

Jerusalem, September 8.

ALTHEA GIBSON RETAINS U.S. TITLE

FOREST HILLS (UPI). — Althea Gibson, the 22-year-old Negro tennis star, scored her second straight "little slam" — the Wimbledon and U.S. tennis championships — when she came from behind on Sunday to retain the American crown. She beat Darlene Hard, of Montebello, California, in three sets.

Attempted Army Coup Quashed In Venezuela

CARACAS (Reuter). — A Venezuelan army group attempted to overthrow the Government by force on Sunday.

Although an official communique announced a few hours later that the coup had failed and the rebel leaders were under arrest, there was still some uncertainty about the position in the capital. No trouble was reported from the provinces.

Military police were the main force behind the attempted *coup*, all other corps remaining loyal.

Rebel tanks, which had surrounded the Government's headquarters, were reported to be still in position in the evening. Earlier, the Interior Minister, Dr. Quebade, and Colonel Araque, a member of the ruling military junta, were said to be held prisoner by the rebels.

Rifle and artillery fire was heard near the Defence Ministry, which, with other key buildings, had been seized by the rebels in their attempt to oust the eight-months-old regime of President Wolfgang Larrazabal. The President is away on a visit to Eastern Venezuela.

The communique said that one of the arrested men is Colonel Eli Mendeza. Mendeza was also involved in an attempted *coup* last July, when a number of officers were arrested and later banished.

Troops Disarm Striking Argentine Police

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter).— Argentine troops occupied police headquarters in the provincial capitals of Cordoba and Salta on Saturday and disarmed police constables who had been on strike for higher salaries. The police surrendered without any fighting.

The strike in both the provinces started early Saturday morning. Order was maintained by special recruits acting as police.

The Buenos Aires provincial police — the country's biggest force — have given notice that unless the authorities agree to their salary claims they will strike.

Moscow Again Warns Bonn Over Mid-East

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Russia on Sunday warned the West German Government against her policy with regard to the Middle East, according to Tass.

A note handed to the Ambassador in Moscow said: "Solidarity with the U.S. and British policy of interfering in the home affairs of the Arab states may prejudice the interests of West Germany itself."

It said: "The Soviet Government notes with regret that the Government of the German Federal Republic was not among those standing for the relaxation of tension in the Middle East and for the defence of the legitimate interests of the Arab peoples, but ranks among the enemies of peace in the Middle East.

"The Federal Government has gone so far in helping the colonialist powers to use force in the Middle East that one is led to assume its readiness to continue supporting such actions and making available the use of its territory for such purposes."

The note replies to a West German note of August 15, which had followed a Soviet protest against the use of airfields in West Germany for the transfer of U.S. troops to the Middle East "for armed aggression against Arab countries."

Bonn Opposes Opening Of Bergen-Belsen Graves

LONDON (INA). — The West German Foreign Ministry has announced that the graves of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp victims will not be opened for reinterment.

According to a proposed French plan, the bodies of French nationals would have been transferred to France.

The Bonn stand was made clear in a letter to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Jewish Congress, who had vigorously protested against the proposed disinterment of Bergen-Belsen victims, the great majority of whom were non-French Jews.

Barzilai Returns From Polish Visit

LYDDA AIRPORT. — The Minister of Health, Mr Israel Barzilai, returned home on Sunday afternoon after heading an Israel health delegation to Poland. The delegation was reciprocating a visit which a Polish delegation made to Israel at the end of last year.

The Israel group also consisted of Prof. M. Rachmilewitz, the Dean of the Hebrew University Medical School, Dr T. Jeshurun-Bergman, of Kupat Holim, and Mr P. Dagan, Assistant Director-General of the Ministry of Health.

Meir to Head Delegation To U.N. Assembly Session

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Foreign Minister Golda Meir, who will head the Israel delegation to the U.N. General Assembly, will probably not leave until after Rosh Hashana (next Monday and Tuesday), *The Jerusalem Post* learned on Sunday night. The Cabinet decided formally at its meeting earlier in the day that Mrs. Meir would lead the delegation.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Meir only recently returned to her desk following her illness and her trip to Europe, it was decided that she should postpone her departure until next week to give her sufficient time to prepare for the trip.

The delegation will consist of Mr. Abba Eban, the Permanent Delegate; Messrs Arthur Lourie, Mordecai Kidron, Moshe Tov, and Shabtai Rosenne. They will be assisted by Miss Hava Eilasberg, Mr. Yosef Tekoah, and Mr. Arieh Eilan.

Four M.K.'s Named

The names of all the six Knesset Members who are to act as advisers were not released on Sunday because a final decision has not been taken by the National Religious Party and Mapam in respect of their delegates. The four who have so far been nominated are Mr David Hacohen (Mapai), Mr. Ishar Harari (Progressives), Mr. Elimelech Rimalt (General Zionist) and Mr. Israel Galilee (Ahdut Avodah). The Mapam representative will be either Mr. Y. Riftin or Mr. Y. Hazan. It was thought that the former Minister of Posts, Dr. Yosef Burg, would represent the religious parties, but this has not yet been confirmed.

Mrs. Meir reported to the Cabinet on the latest Russian note, an answer to Israel's reply of August 12 to an earlier Russian communication concerning overflights of Israel territory by British planes *en route* to Jordan.

The latest Russian missive was brief, not covering a full page. It is understood that Israel is studying a reply. From a reading of the unofficial text as transmitted by the wire services, it appears that there is nothing new in the note, and Israel's reply will probably deal with the Russian attempt to put the blame on Israel for the tension in the Middle East.

No Reply to B-G

There is no reply in this note to Mr. Ben-Gurion's request, made at a meeting with the Soviet Ambassador, that the Russian Prime Minister try to arrange a direct meeting with Nasser in order to relieve tension in the area and bring about a settlement of outstanding problems.

Mr. Ben-Gurion reported to the Cabinet on his meeting with the U.N. Secretary-General on Saturday. The brief discussion was considered to be interim in nature, and did not directly concern Israel-Arab relations. It is understood that the meeting was not a business session, although Mr. Hammarskjold's trip was not purely a courtesy visit. It was more to keep Israel in the picture.

The Cabinet communique said:

At its weekly meeting, the Cabinet heard a report from the Prime Minister on his meeting with the Secretary-General of the U.N., Mr. Dag Hammarskjold.

The Foreign Minister reported on foreign affairs.

It was decided that the Foreign Minister would head the Israel delegation to the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly and that six Knesset Members would participate as advisers on the delegation.

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Kadish Luz, reported on his tour of Western European countries.

Communists Inspired Integration—Faubus

LITTLE ROCK (Reuter). — Governor Orval Faubus, in a frequently-applauded speech to the Arkansas State Democratic Convention, charged on Saturday that the U.S. Supreme Court had cited several Communist sympathisers as authorities for its ruling on school desegregation.

Formally accepting the Democratic nomination for Governor for a third term, he commented: "It leads us to wonder if the Communists were successful in the infiltration of positions in our Federal Government even higher and more important than that held by Alger Hiss."

As authorities for its 1954 decision to desegregate schools, the court had cited Theodore Bremeld, Franklin Frazier, Gunnar Myrdal and K. B. Clark, the Governor declared.

He declared that Bremeld was a psychologist who had been cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee for being a member of "no less than ten" Communist organizations; Frazier, another psychologist, "has at least 18 citations of connections with Communist causes" in the U.S.; Myrdal was assisted in writing his book "An American Dilemma" by 18 people who had been cited by the House Committee as having "numerous connections" with Communist groups; while Clark was a "so-called social science expert" employed by the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

Special Knesset Session Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — No final decision is expected before noon Monday (today) as to whether the agenda of the special Knesset session called for 4 o'clock in the afternoon will provide for a full-scale debate on the three opposition motions before it.

The Knesset Praesidium is meeting at 11 a.m. today to rule on the scope of the debate.

Present indications, however, are that Mapai is not inclined to restrict opposition speakers in any way.

Opposition leaders met in Tel Aviv on Sunday, and there will be another meeting in Jerusalem at 1 p.m. Monday. It is expected that each of the parties comprising the "opposition alliance" will provide a speaker on all three motions for the agenda — on the political situation, the sale of Fertilizers and Chemicals and on the Shatta prison break.

If Mr. K. Kahane, Poalei Agudat Yisrael's only representative, (Mr. B. Mintz is abroad) should speak on all three motions, there will be 15 opposition speeches. In addition, the Communists have also announced their intention to participate in the debate, although it is not clear whether they have a right to do so as they were not among the parties demanding the special session.

Agudat Yisrael is expected to "smuggle in" a motion to discuss burial societies, whose existence they feel to be threatened by a recent Cabinet decision authorizing lay burial societies.

Mapai has given no indication of the line it will take in the debate. It is considered likely that Mapai will not reply but will cut the debate short by proposing the motions to be dismissed.

BOTTLE BATTLE IN UK RACIAL FLASH

NOTTINGHAM, England (Reuter). — A bottle fight between whites and coloured men broke out here on Saturday night in a back street in the area where British race riots first started two weeks ago.

Gangs of Teddy Boys prowling around the area jeered at coloured men, some of whom were given police escorts to their homes. Shortly before midnight, one or two coloured men began hurling bottles from the back yards of houses. There was a noisy scene for about five minutes until dispersed by police.

A plan for Government action to ease racial tensions is expected to emerge from Sunday's talks between the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary, the Commonwealth Relations Secretary and the Colonial Secretary.

Early Return To Cyprus Seen For Makarios

LONDON (Reuter). — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on Sunday held talks on Cyprus with leading ministers and the Governor of Cyprus and several newspapers interpreted an early announcement that Archbishop Makarios would be allowed to return to the island.

Talks today were believed to be concerned mainly with the internal situation in Cyprus and the implementation of the British plan for self-government. Greece has rejected the plan but Turkey has said she regards it as reconcilable with her ultimate aim of the island being partitioned.

The belief that Makarios would be allowed to return was strengthened by Mr. Tom Driberg, Labour Party Chairman, in a statement made upon his arrival on Sunday from Athens, where he saw the Archbishop and the Greek Government. He said that Archbishop Makarios was consulting with his advisers on whether to return to Cyprus or go on to New York for the discussion of the Cyprus question in the U.N. General Assembly.

In Cyprus, EOKA leaflets circulated in Famagusta on Sunday warned that "for every Greek murdered an Englishman will die." Security forces found the leaflets scattered in the streets following a memorial service for the four EOKA men killed at Lioptri last week.

A procession that followed the service was broken up by British troops wielding batons.

Dag Confers With Iraqi Leaders

BAGHDAD, (Reuter). — Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General, arrived by air on Sunday from Jerusalem on his Middle East "peace" mission.

Soon after his arrival Mr. Hammarskjold had lunch with Abdul Jabbar Jomard, Foreign Minister; Hashim Jawad, Iraqi delegate to the U.N., and Mohammed Hadib, Finance Minister.

He was expected to meet Abdul Karim Kassem, the Iraqi Prime Minister, in the afternoon, and to leave on Monday for Amman. He is due in Beirut on Wednesday.

On Saturday in Cairo, Dr. Abdul Jabbar Jomard told reporters after a two-hour meeting with U.A.R. President Nasser that "Iraq respects the Lebanese and Jordan borders as well as non-interference in their domestic affairs. The presence of foreign troops on their soil, however, is undesirable."

Asked if Iraq was willing to restore diplomatic relations with Jordan, he replied: "It was Jordan who broke off relations. If they ask us to resume them, we have no objection."

Young Piano Student Allegedly Confesses to Piatelli Killing

By PAUL KOHN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A tall, lanky, bespectacled piano student, Rafael "Tommy") Blitz, 24, will be charged with the murder of engineer Ya'acov Piatelli at the Zafon Cinema here just a year ago.

According to police, Blitz broke a four-day silence on Thursday and confessed to the killing. He allegedly also admitted having organized the three-man gang that held up the Frankfurter arms shop in Rehov Herzl and the Orient-Lloyd Travel Agency earlier this year.

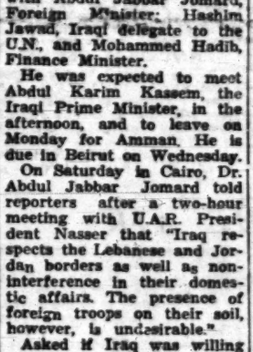
Mordechai Weiss, 25, and Yeshayahu Burstein, 23, who were arrested in Bnei Brak a week ago, will be charged together with Blitz for armed hold-ups and housebreaking. On Friday, Yitzhak Baksen, 21, suspected of joining Blitz in housebreakings, was also detained.

The four young men are thought to have carried out eight or nine armed hold-ups, housebreakings, and robberies in Tel Aviv this year. The head of the Tel Aviv District CID, Mr. Arie Naor, said police were investigating the possibility that more persons were involved.

Blitz was described by his Tel Aviv landlord, a prominent piano teacher, as "an exceptionally talented and diligent piano student." Weiss has a rich voice and loved to chant cantorial music. Burstein was an ex-policeman, undergoing psychiatric treatment.

The three men's arrest marks the end of one of the most intensive police investigations ever undertaken in this country. The Police were finally set on the right track by a tip from Raziel Rosenthal, a friend of Weiss', who, after a quarrel, reported to police that he feared revenge and that Weiss was in possession of weapons. Lightning police swoops in Bnei Brak and Haifa netted the three suspects within a 12-hour period last weekend.

Magistrate S. Rosenfeld on Sunday lifted the week-long ban on publication of the names of the suspects requested by the police.



RAPHAEL BLITZ

Blitz, born in Belgium, spent World War II in a Dutch monastery. He came to Israel with Youth Aliya, as his parents were then thought to have perished in the war. Actually, his mother survived and is now living in Amsterdam.

In 1955 he was found guilty of 18 housebreakings in Jerusalem and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The sentence was commuted by the Supreme Court to two years' probation.

At Kibbutz Beit Oren, where his past was not known, he allegedly stole an Italian P.B.T.65mm. calibre pistol whilst on guard duty one night. This was the gun from which the bullets that killed Piatelli were fired.

A sufferer from chronic asthma, Blitz moved to Tel Aviv and took a job at the Travel Agents Association in Rehov

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More Fish Outside Iceland 'Limit'

LONDON (UPI). — The Admiralty confirmed on Sunday that the British trawlers defying Iceland's new 12-mile fishing limit have pulled back to the edge of the dispute zone or beyond "because the best fishing is there."

The Admiralty reported no incidents in the "fish war" during the night.

Icelandic authorities first reported Saturday night that British trawlers were deserting the "boxes" or groups of trawlers, each under the protection of an armed British naval vessel, to get at better fishing grounds outside the 12-mile limit.

League Funds For Algerian Rebels

CAIRO (Reuter). — A resolution adopted by the Arab League Political Committee at its second day's session on Sunday condemned the French draft constitution, which considers Algeria as part of France.

It also denounced the holding of a plebiscite in Algeria on the constitution, and said that the Algerian people were not committed either by the constitution or the results of the plebiscite.

A League spokesman said the Council had also decided that contributions be made by all League members towards the Algerian insurgents' budget. It was stated that the U.A.R. had already paid her share and that Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Libya and the Yemen had promised to pay by the beginning of October.

Earlier, the Committee heard a report from the Algerian representatives, Lamine Debagrine and Tewfik el Medani. Medani later told reporters after the session: "We asked the Arab states to contribute up to £12m. annually to the F.L.N. (the Algerian National Liberation Front), not as aid, but as active participation by the Arab states in the war of liberation in Algeria, because there will be no freedom or independence for the Arabs if Algeria is not liberated."

The Committee also recommended to the League Council that the Arab nations, in cooperation with the Afro-Asian group, bring the Oman dispute involving Britain before the U.N. General Assembly.

The League Council, meeting in the afternoon with the same representatives as the Political Committee, ratified the recommendations.

The Committee will on Tuesday discuss Lahej, Cyprus and "Palestine refugees."

2,000 Frenchmen To Vote in Israel

TEL AVIV.—Some 2,000 persons have registered with the French Embassy in Tel Aviv and the French Consulate-General in Jerusalem with the intention of participating in the September 28 referendum on the French constitution, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

On that day, booths will be opened in the French Consulates in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba, and envelopes containing ballots marked "*oui*" or "*non*" will be accepted from persons who have have registered. The French mission is understood to consider it impracticable to arrange for voting by post.

Syrian 10-Year Plan Approved

DAMASCUS (Reuter). — The Syrian Planning Minister, Hassan Jubbara, announced on Sunday that President Nasser had signed a 10-year development programme for the Syrian region of the U.A.R.

He told a press conference that the programme would cost SL3,186m. and was designed to double the present Syrian national income of SL18,000m.

Jubbara also announced that oil had been found in commercial quantities in Syria. Soviet experts confirmed that a field discovered in northeast Syria near the Iraqi border contained 150 million tons of oil, one-third of it exploitable.

Negotiations with the American-owned Trans-Arabian Pipeline (Tapline)) Company over the U.A.R.'s demand for higher revenues would start on Wednesday, he said.

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Lull Unbroken as U.S. Navy Enters 12-m. Zone

Nehru Backs China, But Wants Peace

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — Prime Minister Nehru told a press conference on Sunday that India believed the offshore islands and Formosa must ultimately belong to mainland China.

"We have, however, always pledged that this problem should be decided peacefully, and apart from pleading that we cannot do anything else about it."

He said "no country can possibly like or tolerate that an island 12 miles off its shores could be used as a base for attack on it... It is an impossible situation and it is surprising it has continued all this time."

With regard to China's extension of her territorial waters to 12 miles, he said this did not really concern India and India "had no reason to oppose it." There was no high principle involved, he thought.

The Premier said the old naval powers wanted the smaller sea-limits maintained, while other countries wanted to extend them. As for India, she did not propose to extend her own six-mile limit to 12 miles, he said.

No 'Protection'

Turning to trade, Mr. Nehru said India has no intention of asking China to halt what a correspondent referred to as "dumping" of below-cost textiles in Asia or Egypt. He admitted that low-priced Chinese textiles in some places are competing with the Indian product, but added: "Why should we be shouting about it?"

Asked whether India would be more careful in assessing foreign exchange resources for her third five-year plan, Mr. Nehru said, "We are going to be ambitious and overambitious. We are not going to fail through fear of progress."

The Prime Minister said that there might have to be food rationing in India if shortages continued. But he considered that immediate measures were unlikely, and that the present food crisis in Uttar Pradesh state would be overcome.

Peking Warns of 'Danger'

U.S. warships on Sunday escorted a Nationalist supply convoy inside the new 12-mile territorial limit claimed by China and drew a "serious warning" from the Peking Government.

Six U.S. destroyers and destroyer escorts sailed within four or five miles of beleaguered Quemoy, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's outpost island near the mainland, but stayed out of range of Communist coastal artillery.

The Communist batteries overlooking the offshore Quemoy group remained quiet for the second day in succession.

A Peking Foreign Ministry spokesman Sunday night denounced the U.S. action as a "dangerous" infringement of China's sovereignty and said "the Chinese Government issues a serious warning on this." The U.S. has rejected the new 12-mile limit proclaimed by Peking, but has expressed willingness to reopen ambassadorial talks with Communist China, broken off in Geneva last year after two years of fruitless effort. The U.S. Embassy in Warsaw was on Sunday instructed to contact the Chinese Embassy for confirmation of Peking's apparent peace overture.

Resumption of the talks was proposed by the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, on Saturday "in a further effort to safeguard peace" in the Formosa strait.

But Mr. Chou's denunciation, in the same speech, of U.S. "aggression" in the Formosa area touched off mass anti-American demonstrations throughout China on Sunday. Reports from the Chinese capital said that more than five million persons demonstrated in Peking, Shanghai, Canton and elsewhere.

In Washington, however, officials regarded Mr. Chou's offer of ambassadorial talks as a sign that the Quemoy crisis was moving from the shooting stage to the conference room.

Diplomatic sources in Washington were impressed by the swiftness of the White House response, which came a few hours after receipt of Peking reports of Mr. Chou's offer. It is believed here that the key passage in the White House statement on the re-opening of ambassadorial talks was the invitation to the Chinese Communists to renounce the use of force without formally renouncing their territorial claims, thus making fruitful negotiations possible.

State Department officials were reported anxious to dispel the impression that it was Communist China rather than the U.S. which was taking the initiative in seeking a peaceful solution in the Far East. They said the Communists had ignored telephone calls to the Embassy in Warsaw urging a resumption of political talks. It was suggested that there was considerable significance in the fact that the eventual response had come after the U.S. warning on the possible consequences of an attack in the Formosa Straits.

A major Nationalist "show of strength" is scheduled for early on Monday when Nationalist and American marines will storm ashore from warships at Fangliao beach, southern Formosa, in their first joint amphibious exercise.

Earlier it was reported that "a number of new things" would be tested at this landing. This caused some speculation that the exercise might include a simulated attack by missiles with nuclear warheads. *(Reuter).*

U.S. Lending $21.5m. For Formosan Dam

WASHINGTON, (UPI). — The U.S. announced on Sunday that it is investing an additional $21.5m. in Nationalist China's big Shihmen power and irrigation project in Formosa.

The new assistance is in a loan from the Development Loan Fund, a foreign aid agency. Earlier, the U.S. made an outright gift of $8m. to help start the project.

£100,000 Damage In Beilinson Fire

PETAH TIKVA. — A clinic on the grounds of the Beilinson Hospital went up in flames on Sunday evening with damage estimated at IL100,000. No one was injured.

The combined forces of the Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan and Petah Tikva fire brigades spent four hours fighting the flames but were unable to save any of the equipment. The building housing the clinic was detached from the hospital proper, which was undamaged.

A one-story building spreading over 700 sq.m., the clinic contained doctors' quarters, an out-patient ward and X-Ray and other equipment.

Smoke from the fire penetrated into the hospital, whose balconies were crowded with patients and medical staff watching the efforts of the firemen.

In an interview with Itim, the Treasurer of Kupat Holim, Mr. M. Siroka, expressed the suspicion that the fire was a case of arson. He pointed out that this is the third fire in the past two years — with damage running into hundreds of thousands of pounds — and that it appeared to be more than a coincidence.

The clinic was locked up at 4 in the afternoon, and when the fire broke out at 8 p.m., there was no one inside. A police guard was stationed outside the ruins during the night until an investigation could be made of the cause of the blaze on Monday morning. *(Itim).*

Uncle's Drink for the Feast

U.K. Ballistic Rocket Satisfies in Test

CANBERRA (Reuter). — Britain's new ballistic rocket, Black Knight, was successfully tested at the Woomera rocket range on Sunday Mr. Athol Townley, Australian Supply Minister, announced.

He gave no details other than that the rocket performed according to expectations.

Mr. Aubrey Jones, the British Minister of Supply, told reporters on his recent Australian tour the Black Knight could be used without much modification to put an earth satellite into orbit.

The rocket is 35 feet long and three feet in diameter.

U.S. Queries Russia, Iran on Missing Plane

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. on Saturday asked Russia and Persia in identical notes for information on an American transport plane missing near the Soviet Union's southern border since last Tuesday.

The unarmed C-130 transport, with a crew of 17, was last heard from while on a flight over Turkey.

Dulles Sends Alabama Wilson Verdict Reactions

MONTGOMERY, Alabama. (Reuter). — The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, has sent a report to the Governor of Alabama on international reaction to the death sentence passed on Jimmy Wilson, a Negro, for robbing a white woman of $1.95.

Mr. Dulles, in a telegram to the Governor, Mr. James Folsom, said that the U.S. Embassy in London had received about 650 letters and telegrams in eight days protesting against the death sentence or asking for information about the case. It had also received a petition for clemency signed by 2,800 people. There had also been some critical reaction in Ireland, Canada, Trinidad, Germany, France and Belgium, the note said.

Governor Folsom replied that he was getting an average of 1,000 letters a day from all over the world, some of them containing the symbolic sum of $1.95.

Wilson was due to be executed in the electric chair on Friday, but was granted a stay of execution pending his application for a rehearing of the case.

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Social & Personal

The Minister of Development, Mr. Mordechai Bentov, was on Saturday host to Mr. S. S. Silverman, M.P., and Mrs. Silverman at Mishmar Ha'emek.

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A farewell party for Aluf-Mishne V. German, who is relinquishing his post as Commander of the Haifa Region, was held at the Mount Carmel Officers Club by the Regional Command and the Haifa Municipality on Sunday morning.

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The Hebrew University announces the appointment of Mr. Y. Neuman, head of research and training for the Israel Meteorological Service, as Associate Professor of Meteorology.

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Mr. Jacob Niv, Ministry of Education senior Inspector of Schools in Tel Aviv, has been awarded a UNESCO grant for a three-month study tour of educational systems in France, Belgium, Holland, England and Switzerland.

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Mr. J. Shohet, of the Ministry of Education and Culture's Pedagogic Secretariat, has returned to his post as Schools Inspector of the Haifa District. He will also continue as a member of the Secretariat.

Railways Suffer Reduced Freight

HAIFA. — An operational deficit of IL700,000 was incurred by Israel Railways during the first four months of the 1958/59 financial year, due to a sharp drop in the amount of freight carried, *The Jerusalem Post* learned on Sunday.

During the whole of 1957/58, the Railways' total operational deficit was only IL300,000, while during the first four months of that year, there was a surplus of IL70,000. It is feared that by the end of the year, the deficit will pass the IL1m. mark.

Besides the operational deficit, the Railways have a standing deficit of IL2.5m. for interest on investments and depreciation.

It was learned that, during April-August, the Railways carried only 317,000 tons of freight, a drop of more than one-third — compared with the corresponding period of last year. This was partly due to a decrease in the export of bulk cargoes such as phosphates and cement.

But the principal factor was the stiff competition from the greatly enlarged truck fleet, coupled with the monopoly on short hauls from the stations to the plants held by transport co-ops, whose prices make it impossible for the Railways to compete on those routes.

The only bright spot is the gradual increase in passenger traffic, which was up by about five per cent during April-August. But as fares were raised last April, receipts actually rose by nine per cent. Passenger traffic accounts for about one-third of the Railways' income.

Jerusalem Corporation Pays 4% Dividend

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Board of Directors of the Jerusalem Economic Corporation, at its meeting last week, decided to declare a dividend of 4 per cent, it is learned in Jerusalem. This is its first dividend since the Corporation's formation in 1949.

Its main stockholders are the Government, the Jewish Agency, the National Funds, the Jerusalem Municipality, the Histadrut and the Fund for Constructive Projects of the General Zionist Party.

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THE WORKING MAN AND THE LAW

By Our Legal Editor

In the last of four articles, on papers delivered at the International Conference of Lawyers in Jerusalem August 17-26, the compiler of The Jerusalem Post *Law Reports discusses the lectures delivered by Justice Berinson and Mr. Bar-Shira. Earlier articles treated of the papers presented by the Attorney-General, Judge Baker and Mr. Shimron (August 25); Prof. Akzin and Mr. Hausner (September 1), and Justice Witkon, Judge Kister, Mr. Gorney and Mr. Lifshitz (September 4).*

Justice Zvi Berinson delivered the first of two papers on labour and social legislation in Israel, discussing in general terms the laws promulgated by the Knesset in the first decade of the State's existence.

He pointed out at the outset that the State had received an appreciable inheritance from the Mandatory Administration which, despite the need to maintain a nice balance between the social needs of the Jewish and Arab populations — in this respect eras apart — had nonetheless succeeded in introducing a measure of labour legislation modelled, for the most part, on English statutes.

Nevertheless, until the creation of the State, there remained a deep chasm between law and reality, as is generally the case in the field of social legislation where the law lags pedestrianly behind the needs of reality. Then, because of the special concept of social justice which has characterized Jewish law and the teachings of the Prophets and sages throughout the centuries, culminating in the widely-acclaimed contribution of individual Jews to social thought in modern times, labour and social legislation began to make great strides.

This special attitude towards justice and social equality on the part of the Jewish people was graphically illustrated, he said, by the fact that laws which in other countries were preceded by bitter public and parliamentary wrangling, sometimes tending to split the country into opposing factions, were in Israel received with the enthusiasm and general assent of all sections of the population and the Knesset. Thus Israel succeeded in its first decade in raising an imposing edifice of social legislation which, but for the vested interests of important public bodies in certain social services, could have been even more grandiose and satisfactory.

But, Justice Berinson pointed out, even this latter drawback is gradually being overcome, the State having started to take over, step by step, what rightfully belongs in its province.

Labour Exchanges

In this regard, he went on to mention specifically the new employment service law which will take the task of giving employment to workers through a system of labour exchanges out of the hands of the labour organizations and place it squarely under the supervision of the Minister of Labour and the surveillance of the State Controller and give employers and workers an equal say in the placement of labour. Furthermore, as the officials in the new service would be civil servants this would ensure their independence of sectarian interests and foster in them the conception of duty to the public. He then went on to express the hope that the day is not far off when the services of the Sick Funds, which are at present in the hands of non-governmental agencies, would be brought within a proper national framework, as part and parcel of the system of national social insurance.

Justice Berinson then went on to give a brief account of the National Insurance Institute, which affords insurance against death, old age, maternity and industrial injuries, emphasizing the new departure of including, as from last year, casual, temporary workers — previously discriminated against for administrative convenience — amongst those covered by industrial injuries' insurance.

Another important and outstanding feature of national insurance which he mentioned specifically is that of giving encouragement to elderly people to go on working and producing for as long as possible by the device of giving those who continue to work after retiring age certain accumulative supplements after the retiring age has been reached. In respect to maternity benefits, he pointed out that the most interesting aspect of it is that maternity benefits are given only to such mothers as give birth in hospitals — a method of discouraging the practice, especially amongst the minority groups, of giving birth at home and of thus lessening the danger of mother and child mortality.

Jobs Rather Than Dole

Justice Berinson concluded his discussion of national insurance with an explanation of why there is no unemployment insurance in Israel, which he put down to the fact that the Government is guided by the principle of securing work for the unemployed rather than putting them on the "dole." This method, he maintained, has prevented mass immigration from bringing in its wake mass unemployment, and has made the greater bulk of the relatively few out of work "under-employed," rather than "unemployed."

In addition, he pointed out, the peculiar composition of the Israel population, with its unending stream of immigrants, for the most part without a tradition of physical labour, precludes the granting of financial aid to the unemployed, as this aid — always tending to weaken the economy, and degrade and oppress the spirit of the unemployed — would do so all the more in Israel, serving in addition as a negative educational factor and seriously hampering the speedy integration of the new immigrant.

After enumerating some legislation aimed at protecting the interests of the worker — such as the Factories Ordinance, Hours of Work Law, the Employment of Women and Young Persons Law, the Apprenticeship Law, the Labour Inspection Law, and last, but by no means least, the Israel "Truck Act," a law protecting wages and ensuring they are paid on time — he went on to discuss the status of the trade unions, which, he pointed out somewhat disapprovingly, has not been fixed by law.

The disadvantage of this, he said, is that in the absence of legislation clearly defining the rights and status of trade unions (as, for example, in the matter of tortious liability) the unions may be taken unpleasantly by surprise one day, while, on the other hand, it may well be that in certain respects the public requires the protection of law vis-a-vis the all-powerful trade union organizations.

The absence of adequate legislation with regard to agricultural settlements has also, he pointed out, recently led to a movement in the direction of literally laying down the law with regard to the internal relationships and the living content of the cooperative and collective settlements (*moshavim* and *kibbutzim*).

In conclusion, Justice Berinson expressed the opinion that the lack of legislation with regard to public housing schemes should be remedied by the Knesset, at least with regard to general guiding principles which would provide some foundation for the citizens' rights in these services, and ended his lecture with a plea for respect for and awe of the law of the land and its institutions, for without this all labour and welfare legislation would be set at nought.

Conceptions of "Workman" and "Employer"

Mr. Israel Bar-Shira, a Tel Aviv lawyer, who followed Justice Berinson with a paper on the basic conceptions of labour law, concentrated exclusively on the conception of "workman" and "employer" insofar as this could be gleaned from the various labour laws and judicial interpretations.

In discussing the definition of "workman" he pointed out, with various illuminating examples, that no single lucid and precise definition of workman or servant has been evolved, with the result that a person regarded as a "workman" for the purposes of one statute in the field of labour legislation is not necessarily so regarded for the purposes of another statute in the same field. After considering the various definitions in specific laws and those propounded by our own judges, by the English courts and by Talmudic commentators, he proposed the following criteria as providing the most realistic test of whether a person is a "workman" or "servant" or whether he is an "independent contractor:"

If a person is accepted into employment through the medium of a labour exchange then he is undoubtedly a workman; if the premiums for insurance against employment injuries in respect of a certain person are paid by the employer only, then the indication is that that person is a workman-servant; if a person gets annual leave from his employer, then that person is a workman-servant; where the provisions of the Hours of Work and Rest Law are applied by the employer to an employee and where the provisions of the Wage Protection Law are applied by the employer, then the employee concerned is a workman-servant.

Mr. Bar-Shira pointed out that when these criteria are applied instead of or in addition to that of drawing a distinction between a contract of service and a contract for services, then the problem of deciding whether a person is a "servant" or an independent contractor will be much more easily solved.

In seeking a definition for "employer," Mr. Bar-Shira pointed out that it is irrelevant whether the employer is a natural or a legal person, except that in the latter case there will be virtually two masters: the legal employer plus his representative who is the person who actually gives the instructions and exercises control.

Kibbutz Not Partnership

He then went on to consider the special problems indigenous and exclusive to Israel because of the existence of the large Histadrut commercial and industrial enterprises, of the kibbutzim and of agricultural and other cooperatives which organizations, he pointed out, are in fact owned by the workers themselves, thus complicating the question of employer and servant.

In dealing specifically with the complications with respect to the kibbutz, he emphasized that the kibbutz is "an association of persons possessing equal rights and subject to equal obligations, based upon the free consent of all its members, whose effects are economic, social and moral, with personal responsibility of the individual for the group and the whole group for each individual," and is thus neither a cooperative nor a partnership in the legal sense. In deciding, therefore, whether the kibbutz is the "employer" of its members and whether the members are "workmen" of the kibbutz, it would be useless to apply the principles adopted by other countries where no such organization exists, and only the suggested criteria for establishing whether a person is a "servant" or not would enable a solution to be found to any legal problem arising from the need to decide this issue.

Mr. Bar-Shira then went on to show that, while no claim has yet been lodged against a kibbutz by a member, as the kibbutzim have always undertaken the support of any injured members while all benefits recovered from the National Insurance Institute are paid into the coffers of the kibbutz (and in any case in accordance with the constitution of the kibbutz all disputes between members and the kibbutz must be settled by arbitration within the framework of the Histadrut) it would seem that if any claim were to be lodged the kibbutz would have to be sued as an employer — which would be contrary not only to its constitution but to its very conception.

In conclusion, Mr. Bar-Shira pointed to the anomaly of workers' banding together in a group and obtaining work as such, with the concomitant legal complications, explaining that one such complication had been anticipated by the legislator with the result that several of the labour statutes contain the provision that every member of a group of workers shall be regarded as an employee of the person who has engaged the group.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

LONDON (Reuter). — The British people spent £1,910 million on drinking and smoking last year — more than they paid for housing, fuel and light, clothing, or a whole range of expensive goods such as cars — according to "National Income and Expenditure, 1958," to be published by the Stationery Office on Monday.

Few Mapai Kibbutzniks Quit After Reparations

PETAH TIKVA. — Between 1½ and 2 per cent of the members of Mapai kibbutzim who have received reparations money from Germany have left the kibbutzim. About 80 per cent have come to terms with their kibbutzim as to the disposition of these funds, and the remainder have made no decision, it was revealed at the 19th conference of the Council of the Ihud Hakvutsot Vehakibbutzim at Einat which ended Saturday. The Ihud is the Mapai kibbutz movement, representing some 25,000 settlers.

The specific problem of reparations funds, and of private income received by kibbutz members from outside sources in general, was the subject of heated and prolonged debate at the conference. The Council finally decided to approve the concessions granted by the Ihud Secretariat.

It was also disclosed that of 26 new kibbutzim scheduled to be adopted by veteran kibbutzim, 18 have already been adopted, and that of 135 young members of established kibbutzim who had undertaken to work for one year at new kibbutzim after completing their Army service, 117 were already at work.

The conference called on the Histadrut Executive to approve the establishment of the new combined Mapai youth movement. *(Hitn.)*

B'nai B'rith to Meet Here Next May

B'nai B'rith of the U.S. has decided to hold its Annual Convention in Israel on May 22, 1959, it is learned from the Government Tourist Corporation. The Convention will take place at Binyanei Ha'ooma and the Hebrew University Campus.

The Convention, originally planned for mid-May, was postponed to the end of May at the suggestion of the Government Tourist Corporation. At that time it will be easier to accommodate the 1,500 delegates and guests which B'nai B'rith expects from the U.S., Canada and Europe.

This will be the final event of Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebrations.

Mr. Maurice Bisgyer, the Organization's Executive Vice-President, is in charge of all preparations and is in close contact with the Tourist Corporation.

NATIONAL TENNIS

In the National Tennis Championships at the Y.M.C.A., Eliezer Dubitsky and David Amon won the men's doubles against Geva and Yosef, 6/4, 6/3, 6/4, and Yoram Lelbowitch beat Ya'acov Brockman, 6/3, 6/4, in the men's B singles final (not as given yesterday).

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
322, 240, 33.3 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 and 7.50 a.m. 1.30, 8.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.

English: 1.45 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service (R). 6.37 Calisthenics. 6.47 Music. Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert. 12.00 Woman's Programme. 12.15 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 Military Bands. 1.20 Morris Alexander (Accordeon).

4.30 p.m. News in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Today at the Kibbutzim Festival and the Exhibition. 5.10 Popular Songs & Melodies. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.25 "Ron Ami." 6.45 Series of Talks, by Dr. M. Elisah. 7.17 We Present Tonight. 7.20 At the Cinema. 7.40 Oriental Tunes. 8.00 From the Book Shelf. 8.15 Summer Resorts. 8.25 Light Music. 8.55 Bible Reading: Nehemia — Chap. 9. 9.10 Political Commentary. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Curtain Up. 10.25 "Israel Composers" — Franz Carellitzer: Piano Concerto, played by Herut Israeli, with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, conducted by H. Schlesinger.

SECOND PROGRAMME
421, 460, 288.7, 41.7 & 33.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 Tunes of the Nations. 6.30 Contemporary Music: Bartok: Sonata for Unaccompanied Violin, played by Prof. Rudolf Kolisch; Schoenberg: Pieces for Piano, op. 19, played by Prof. Edward Steuermann. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Yemenite. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 News (1st Programme.) 9.15 Rumanian. 9.30 Hungarian. 9.45 Polish. 10.10 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
467 & 41.67 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 8.30—11.15 p.m. 5.15 p.m. Persian.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.40 "Kol Zion Correspondents Report." 6.50 Tune of the Week. 6.55 "From the Federation."

Programme to the U.K.: 11.15 News. 11.25 "Kol Zion Correspondents Report." 11.30 "From East to West" — A programme of musical greetings.

ARMY PROGRAMME (42.4, 216, 225 & 285 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Requests for Hebrew Songs. 7.00 News. 7.10 "On Drivers and Pedestrians." 7.30 Light Music. 8.00 "The Soldier-Citizen." 8.15 Quiz. 8.55 Interlude. 9.00 News. 9.15 Weekly Concert: Works by Mozart, Gluck & Faure.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.80, 16.84 & 24.60): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News, News Talk, London Letter, On the Spur of the Moment.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (434 & 405 M.): 12.30 Midday Melodies. 4.30 Teatime Music.

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Nation's Health Said Improved But Child Deaths Still High

NEW YORK (JTA). — A "remarkable" improvement in the general health of Israel's population in the first ten years of the State was cited last week by Dr. Morris Greenberg, Director of the New York City Health Department's Bureau of Preventable Diseases.

Dr. Greenberg, who recently returned from a two-week tour of Israel health institutions, said Israel was rapidly achieving health standards equal to those of more advanced nations. He attributed the Israelis' increasing awareness of health and sanitation aids to health centres situated throughout the country, particularly those in villages.

But these, he said, while offering advanced medical education and care, have not overcome one of Israel's major medical problems — her infant and child death rate.

Food Preservation

Dr. Greenberg said that while Israel's infant death rate was "lower than anywhere else in the Middle East and constantly decreasing," the rate was still 35 per 1,000. The rate in the U.S. is 24 per 1,000.

Infant deaths, he said, are caused mostly by diarrhoea. The rate of death among young children from infectious diseases like diphtheria, whooping cough, and dysentery is also high, Dr. Greenberg said.

The causes, Dr. Greenberg said, lie in inferior methods of food preservation and incomplete milk pasteurization. With refrigeration scarce and expensive and temperature high, food is not kept fresh and only 70 per cent of the milk is pasteurized. Water is "pretty well" treated in most areas, he said.

The country's Arab population — approximately 10% of the whole — has somewhat lowered the general health standards because of a higher incidence of infectious diseases.

Dr. Greenberg visited Israel as member of the Hebrew University—Hadassah Medical Advisory Board.

A HIGHLY ILLUSTRATED New Year's greeting, in the form of a folding leaflet containing ten photographs of recent improvements in Jerusalem, is being distributed by the Municipality to its residents.

Robot Limbs Enable Cripples to Walk

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet scientists have developed robot limbs controlled by thought waves or "biological electricity" to enable polio victims and cripples to walk and to give space pilots greater accuracy and control than they now have.

An article in Sunday's issue of the Government newspaper "Izvestia" described how a robot fist could clench as soon as a controller thought of the action. The electrical impulses or "biological electricity" are fed to the robot through an amplifier by wires attached to a bracelet on the controller's forearm.

Alongside the article was a photograph showing a robot fist clasping a wine glass on "orders" from a controller standing in the background.

The development will shortly be put on display at the Brussels Exhibition, the article said.

Aluminum Bridge Shown in U.S.

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania (USIS). — A new type of aluminium bridge, said to be more economical than conventional bridges of other materials, has been displayed here.

The test bridge, shown to engineers, road builders and federal and state highway officials, was assembled in less than two days by the builders, Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation.

Test loads up to 52 tons were placed on the bridge without indication of failure. The new design, it is claimed, could mean substantial savings in major road building programmes.

CHILE. — Chilean right-wing parties returned to power for the first time in 20 years when their candidate Jorge Alessandri topped the Presidential poll on Thursday.

Where to go

Meet the Israelis — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:** — Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 8.30-7.

• **Exhibitions:** — New Exhibition: 10 years of archaeological activities, 1948-1958, Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5.

1) Views and Visions of the Holy Land; 2) Lithographs by Honore Daumier; 3) Ancient pottery, glass and textiles from various civilizations; 4) Preview of Primitive Sculpture. Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3.30-5.

Paintings by Yves Dandal. Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7.

• **Tours** — Hebrew University conducted tours daily in English at 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12 noon and 2, 4.30 p.m. New University Campus. Every Tuesday leaving Administration Bldg. 11 a.m., a visit to Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Ein Karem. Phone (until Monday) 62960 for bookings.

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4081, Hadassah Club; Straus Health Centre.

• **Film Shows:** — Israel Films daily, 11.30, Haven Haycock Hall.

TEL AVIV

• **Entertainment:** — Italian specialities — Lunch, Dinner Lukyo Bar Restaurant, 3 Allenby Rd. First class Italian menu at IL3. Phone 25732.

• **Exhibitions:** — "10 Years of Israel Architecture," Museum, 10-4.

"Wise on View," Wise Tourist Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, 9-3.

Tourist Service:— Visit Hadassah Club, 39 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 37220.

Wise Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon.

• **L.O.A. House:** — Exhibit: American Paintings. Tourist Service (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) daily, 20 Agrippas.

• **Opera:** — Nabucco, 8.30.

• **Dance:** — Habimah, 'Clytamnestra," 8.30

• **Theatre:** — Cameri, "Rape of the Belt," New Hall, 8.30.

HAIFA

• **Exhibitions:** — Tel Aviv Museum's 10th Anniversary Exhibition — Oil paintings and gouaches by Israel artists. Municipal Town Hall and M. Chagall Artists' House, 10-1, 4-7.

• **Tourist Service:** — Visit Hadassah Club, 17 Rehov Yerushalayim. Tel. 4676.

REHOVOT

• **Theatre:** — Piccoli, Beit Am, 4.30 and 8.30

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The Municipality has decided, after consultation with school principals, to issue school text books to all pupils in order to avoid any interruption of normal school routine.
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United Smash Blackburn As Hammers Crash Too

By KEITH BEECHER

West Ham United and newly promoted Blackburn Rovers both had their great run in the English League Division I brought to a halt with a bang on Saturday, when both suffered heavy defeats. Blackburn were shattered 6-1 by Manchester United at Old Trafford, while the Hammers went down 4-1 at Luton, after leading 1-0 at halftime.

A crowd of nearly 65,000 saw Manchester United in great form, to take a 4-0 halftime lead. International Bobby Charlton netted two, including one penalty, Dennis Violet also got two. Blackpool, without evergreen Stanley Matthews, also crashed to League champions Wolverhampton Wanderers, 2-0, at Molyneux Park.

Cup-holders Bolton Wanderers beat Birmingham City 2-0 with ease and took over the lead of the Division I, with eight points from five games. Nat Lofthouse netted one. Arsenal came back into brilliant form to slam last-placed Everton, 6-1. Centre-forward David Herd scored four.

Tottenham Hotspur continue their bad spell and lost at home to Newcastle United, 3-1. The Tynesiders played a good part of the game with 10 men, but even this was enough to subdue Spurs.

RESULTS: English League: Div. I: Aston V. 2, Notts F. 3; Bolton W. 2, Birmingham 0; Burnley 1, West Brom. 3; Everton 1, Arsenal 6; Leicester C. 3, Man. C. 1; Luton 4, West Ham 1; Man. U. 6, Blackburn 1; Portsmouth 3, Chelsea 2; Preston 1, Leeds U. 2; Tottenham 1, Newcastle 3; Wolves 2, Blackpool 0. Div. II: Bris. C. 3, Brighton 0; Cardiff 3, Sheff. U. 1; Charlton 2, Grimsby 1; Fulham 3, Ipswich 2; Huddersf'd 3, Rotherham 0; Leyton 5, Barnsley 1; Lincoln 1, Swansea 2; Middlesbro' 2, Liverpool 1; Scunth'pe 2, Derby 2; Sheff. W. 3, Bris. R. 1; Sunderland 3, Stoke 1. Div. III: Bournem'th 2, Q.P.R. 0; Brad. C. 2, Tranmere 0; Brentford 3, Southampton 0; Chesterf'd 4, Southend U. 0; Colchester U. 2, Rochdale 1; Hull 1, Wrexham 0; Mansfield 4, Halifax 3; Norwich 3, Bury 2; Notts C. 1, Newport C. 1; Reading 2, Donc. R. 0; Stockport 2, Plymouth 2; Swansea 1, Accrington 2. Div. IV: Barrow 2, Millwall 1; Carlisle 1, Walsall 1; Chester 2, Northampton T. 3; Coventry 1, Southport 0; Crystal P. 1, Workington 1; Exeter 1, Shrewsb'y T. 0; Gateshead 1, Bradford 4; Gillingham 0, Darlington 0; Hartlepools 2, Torquay 4; Oldham 0, Aldershot 1; Port V. 2, York 3; Watford 0, Crewe A. 1.

Scottish League: Div. I: Airdrie 1, Motherwell 5; Celtic 2, Rangers 2; Dundee 2, Aberdeen 1; Dunfermline A. 1, Raith 1 (abandoned after 31 mins.); Hibs. 0, Hearts 4; Partick 1, Clyde 0; St. Mirren 0, Kilmarnock 2; Stirling Falkirk, postponed: Th. Lanark 7, Qun o Sth. 1.

Rugby League: Halifax 27, Oldham 11; Rochdale H. 16, Salford 29; Wigan 49, Barrow 15 (Wigan's South African back, Fred Griffiths, kicked eight goals).

SOME 150 old persons from Galilee enjoyed an "Honour the Aged" outing to Acre, Safad and Haifa on Sunday, under the auspices of the Upper Galilee District Council.

Notice to the Public

DRAWING OF THE POPULAR LOAN (MILVEH AMAMI) PREMIUM BONDS 1950, SECOND SERIES

The 20th drawing of the above loan will be held in the Bank of Israel Hall, 65 Derech Ha'atzmaut, Haifa, tomorrow, September 9, 1958 at 4 p.m. Admission is free. The public is invited.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

RENEWAL OF FIREARM LICENCES

The Ministry of the Interior reminds holders of licences for firearms that their licences are due to expire on September 14, 1958, and that these should be renewed for 1958/59.

Applications for the renewal of firearm licences should be made to the Licensing Officials of the District Representative's Office, and should be accompanied by a certificate from an authorized examiner of or dealer in, firearms, attesting to their fitness.

Holders of firearms who do not renew their licences by December 11, 1958, will be obliged to pay double the fee, and legal proceedings will be instituted against them for failing to renew their licences in time.

L. Greenspon,
Deputy Director General, Administration.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

ARNON: Up in the World
EDEN: Don't Go Near the Water
OR GIL: Le Notti di Cabiria
ORION: Tempo Nostri
ORNA: Count 5 and Die
RON: Full of Life
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EDISON: Fuhrmann Henschel
STUDIO: Demetrius and the Gladiators

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CHEN: Delicate Delinquent
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GAN RENA: The Flesh is Weak
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MIGDALOR: Hanneri
MOGRABI: Torero
OPHIR: Wild is the Wind
ORION: Du bist die Welt fuer mich
PEER: The Tender Trap
SHDEROTH: Who Done It?
TAMAR: An Alligator Named Daisy
TCHELET: That Certain Feeling
TEL AVIV: No Down Payment
YARON: Stampeded
ZAMIR: Raising a Riot
ZAFON: The Monte Carlo Story

HAIFA

AMPHITHEATRE: The Young Lions
ORAH: Scherbee Bringen Gluck
ORION: The Burning Hills
ATZMON: Maedchenjahre einer Koenigin
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The Weather

Weather Synopsis: A trough of low pressure extending from Black Sea to East Mediterranean is causing a flow of east air in this region. Temperatures will remain below normal.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Carmel	54	15	25	24
Tiberias	72	22	33	32
Haifa Port	61	24	28	28
Natanya	48	21	31	30
Tel Aviv Kiryat	52	21	30	29
Tel Aviv Port	63	23	27	27
Lydda Airport	56	17	30	30
Jerusalem	42	16	29	26
Beersheba	42	17	30	30
Sdom	28	26	39	37
Eilat	34	34	34	35

A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. yesterday C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Magistrate H. Steinberg, from a visit to Europe. (by El Al).

Mr. Reuven Shiloah, Political Adviser to the Foreign Ministry, from Rome. (by El Al).

Mr. Oved Ben-Ami, Director of the Ashdod Development Corporation, from a visit to Western Europe. (by El Al).

Mr. Moshe Amiaz, Municipal Engineer of Tel Aviv, from a tour of 12 European cities. (by El Al).

Mr. Leon Feldberg, editor of the "South African Jewish Times," and Mrs. Feldberg, on his return from a visit to Poland where Mr. Feldberg engaged in a study of the Jewish community there.

Mr. Baruch Gofer, the Director of the Tel Aviv Zoo, from Europe. (by El Al).

Dr. Melville Saul Green, of Washington, D.C., a leading authority on the foundation of statistical mechanics, for a three-month stay as the guest of the Weizmann Institute's Department of Applied Mathematics.

Dr. G. Krakower, of Detroit, Michigan, on a U.S. Public Health Service fellowship at the Weizmann Institute of Science.

DEPARTURES

Profs. Walter Korablueth and Ya'acov Landau, of the Hebrew University, for Brussels, to participate in the International Congress of Ophthalmology. (by T.W.A.).

Dr. C. Wormann, Director of the Jewish National and University Library, to Vienna, to participate in a UNESCO-sponsored symposium of National European Libraries, and on a mission for the Hebrew University in Austria and other countries.

SIRENS WILL be tested on Monday (today) in the areas of Natanya, Kfar Saba, Ra'anana, Magdiel, Hadar Ramatayim, Petah Tikva, Lydda, Ramle, Mahane Yisrael, Be'er Ya'acov, Ekron, Yavneh and Gedera. In the event of a real alarm, a warbling note will be sounded for three minutes.

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HEBREW COURSES, elementary and advanced, will begin shortly under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Education and the Jerusalem Municipality. Registration daily at the Municipal Education Department, 34 Jaffa Road, Room 32, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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ALL WORK stopped in Tel Aviv and Jaffa ports between 9.00 and 11.00 on Sunday in a warning strike by employees who demand that their working conditions be equalled with those in Haifa Port. The strike was supported by the Labour Council.

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SOME 180 men have been questioned in connection with the murder of Yehezkel Schifter in Rehov Pinsker, Tel Aviv, two Saturdays ago, it is learned. One man was on Friday remanded for five days by Magistrate S. Rosenfeld for further questioning.

Speaker Eulogizes House Restaurateur

The Knesset Speaker, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, on Sunday delivered the eulogy at the funeral of Mrs. Leah Genger, who managed the Knesset restaurant from the time of the establishment of the Provisional State Council.

Mrs. Genger was laid to rest at the Givat Shaul cemetery.

Mr. Sprinzak described Mrs. Genger as "the housewife of the Knesset," who had played an important part in the Israel Parliament from its first day.

All Yibna Mourns Crash Victims

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR YIBNA. — Shopkeepers here pulled down their shutters and the entire village stopped work for three hours on Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of the three victims of Friday's road accident.

They were: Ya'acov Eliyahu, 38, who leaves a wife and three children; Farhia Mor-Yosef, a 41-year-old widow; and 24-year-old Miriam Ben-Sasson, who was to have been married next month.

Local dignitaries led the two kilometre-long funeral procession, acting as pallbearers.

Solel Boneh Managers Await Dismissal

HAIFA. — A joint letter was sent on Sunday to Mr. P. Lavon, Secretary General of the Histadrut, by the Solel Boneh managers, rejecting the suggestion that they were "holding on to their posts," although they have refused their appointments to the newly constituted boards.

They write that they did not see their way to deserting the enterprise when no effort was being made by Mr. Lavon to find suitable replacements for them. They would leave their former posts only if they received proper letters of dismissal.

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Two-Year Secondary Schools To Be Opened this Term

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two-year secondary schools are to be opened this year, the Ministry of Education announced on Sunday. They will serve children who have completed elementary school but who do not continue their education in the regular secondary schools.

These schools will teach a full curriculum, as in normal secondary schools, and in addition to the 30 lessons a week will provide initial vocational training up to a limit of 12 lessons a week, in accordance with local conditions and needs.

The drawing up of the special curriculum is shortly to be completed by the Ministry.

The number and location of the new schools will be decided on by the Ministry after it receives suggestions from the existing secondary schools. The new schools will be set up either within the precincts of existing secondary schools or as separate institutions.

Pupils completing the two-year term will be able to continue in normal secondary or technical schools by passing an examination.

The new school term has opened smoothly and all elementary schools have started on schedule, a Ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* on Sunday. However, a number of classes were late-starters because more children turned up than had registered, and in some cases one first-grade class had to be made into two.

While registration in May was about from 70 to 80 per cent of those eligible, nearly 100 per cent showed up last week. This happened mainly in immigrant centres, and is an annual occurrence.

In State Religious schools the term began with a shortage of teachers, generally in the North and the South but not in Tel Aviv and the Central district. It is hoped to remedy the situation by persuading uncertified yeshiva and secondary school students to fill the gap. In general, no teacher shortage has been felt in the other State schools.

The rate of absenteeism in Israel — about 3 to 4 per cent — is one of the lowest in the world, it was said, yet all efforts are being made to find the truants.

Illegal Pressure

Local authorities sometimes have no alternative but to resort to bringing pressure on parents who refuse to pay the fee even after an appeals committee had rejected their case. The exerting of pressure is actually illegal, it was stated. "But though it may not have any effect on those 'in the know,' on many others it produces the desired result."

The former category declares "So don't give my child his books," knowing that the school cannot discriminate among pupils and in the end will supply the services irrespective of payment.

In Tel Aviv last term, only about a fourth of parents were charged the maximum IL20 and about 20 per cent, of reduced means, nothing at all.

The nine services are: text books — IL6.500; exercise books and writing material — IL3.200; handicrafts material — IL2.500; health services — IL3.750; auxiliary education (e.g., club-rooms) — IL4; dentistry — IL3; pupils' insurance — IL1; psycho-hygiene advice — 800 pr.; vocational guidance — 700 pruta.

No Child Barred For Fee Default

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Not a single child has been kept out of elementary school because of his parents' failure to pay the fees for extra school services, a Ministry of Education spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Hundreds of complaints from parents balking at the charges still arrive, but "90 per cent of them are unfounded," it was stated.

Though protests at the charges gain prominence by letters to the press, their number in relation to those who pay up or are exempted is very small. In the majority of countries in the world, except for the most advanced, similar charges are borne by parents, it was noted.

Charges for the nine extra services are made in about 1,000 State elementary schools run by local authorities. The remaining 200-odd State schools — in immigrant centres — are maintained entirely by the Ministry. The larger municipalities, with the exception of Jerusalem, supply the services themselves at a maximum charge to parents of IL22, while other local authorities, including Jerusalem, leave it to the parents to obtain the services.

Changes Made In Matric Exams

The Ministry of Education and Culture has announced a series of changes in Secondary School matriculation test procedures.

Students will in the future be permitted to be examined in one of the six matriculation subjects at the end of their third year of secondary school (Yod Aleph). The subject of the earlier examination will be mathematics for the humanistic, social studies, or Oriental courses of study, and history or a second foreign language for the mathematics-physics course.

In Hebrew Composition students will be given a written examination in addition to the required composition, in order to test their intellectual maturity.

Students will be permitted to request an oral examination in an additional subject besides General Literature and Talmud, upon approval of the school principal.

Students who failed in one or two of their examinations will be permitted to request an additional oral test in those subjects. In such cases their final marks will be composed of their marks in their written and oral tests.

A matriculation certificate will henceforth be awarded even in cases where a student received a mark of "insufficient" in one of his subjects on condition that this subject is not Hebrew Composition, English, French or his major subject.

No certificate will be awarded in such cases where the student has not received an overall mark of 40 points in all his examinations and at least an 8 in two of them.

IL2,500 Prize For Humane Action

An annual prize of IL2,500 is to be awarded by Magen David Adom for "the most outstanding humanitarian act" of the year. The prize is in memory of Dr. M. Levantin whose family has contributed IL1,500. The rest will be provided by M.D.A.

Rehovot Parents Break Into Mayor's Office

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Infuriated residents of the Mishkanot Hapoel Hamizrahi housing quarter were ejected by the police from the Mayor's Chambers on Sunday. They had come to make their annual demand for the transfer of their children from the Moriah State Religious school because they object to them studying together with the Yemenite children of the Sha'arayim quarter. They want them transferred to the Tahkemoni State Religious school nearer to the centre of town.

Mayor Yosef Kats, with the backing of the Ministry of Education, has continuously refused to give way, insisting that the Mishkanot children stay at the Moriah school in keeping with the geographical division of the city's schools.

On Sunday morning, dozens of parents from Mishkanot turned up with their children at the Tachkemoni school, where they were refused entry by the headmaster. They then forced their way into the Mayor's Chambers and declared they would stay until he promised that the transfer would be carried out. Eventually, Mayor Kats called in the police who ejected the parents. They threatened to return with reinforcements on Monday.

Progress on The Committee Front

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Government committee appointed on Sunday morning, dissolved itself three hours later having completed its work.

The committee was appointed by the Minister of Commerce during a meeting with representatives of vegetable growers from the Southern district and the members of the Vegetable Marketing Board. The growers had protested against the "arbitrary methods" used in grading their tomatoes, which, they said cut their income.

The committee reported back in three hours while the two sides to the dispute were still in the Minister's office, and recommended a solution that proved acceptable to both sides. Under the proposed arrangement, the specifications of Grade A tomatoes will be clearly set by a committee of the Vegetable Marketing Board.

They will be guaranteed a price of 200 pr. per kilo while young settlements will also receive 100 pr. for Grade B tomatoes instead of the 80 pr. they have received hitherto.

Four Stevedores Stow-Away at Eilat

The captain of the German freighter, Schroeder, which sailed for East Africa from Eilat on Thursday night, contacted Israel police on Sunday stating that four Israel stowaways were on board, and asking instructions on what to do with them.

The four are Pinhas Stern, Ze'ev Adel, Alexander Milhoffer and Sandor Goldberger, Eilat port workers whom police have been seeking since Thursday night, when they disappeared.

Unions Accepting Managerial Centre

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Centre for the Advancement of Management will almost certainly be established this month as scheduled, and it is understood here that the Histadrut Central Committee may revise its decision and withdraw its objection to its establishment. The Centre will open for membership to all working managers of both the Histadrut and "private" sectors.

It will be recalled that the Centre was to have been inaugurated in July during the Management Convention at the Technion. The opening was postponed for two months to give the Histadrut time to reconsider its objection. A meeting held on Sunday beween the Histadrut and the leading sponsors of the Centre is believed to have led to this change of attitude.

A member of the Centre's organizing committee told *The Jerusalem Post* that they were going ahead with drawing up the rules and completing the arrangements for its anauguration. They had discussed the scheme with various Cabinet Ministers, and the majority had supported it, the spokesman said. Mr. Levi Eshkol has done so publicly.

The Centre's aims had been made quite clear. They are: sharing managerial know-how; advanced executive studies; establishment of an information centre and library on managerial problems and helping absorb new managers into industry.

It would not deal with wage questions or improvement of working conditions because it wished scrupulously to avoid the assumption of trade union functions.

Murder

WEISS BERNSTEIN

(Continued from Page One)

Sheinkin. According to police, he planned to rob the Zafon Cinema box office on August 21, 1957, shortly after the audience for the 9.30 p.m. performance had entered. Wearing a black beret, his nose and moustache covered with sticking plaster, he demanded the box office takings at gun point.

One of the attendants shouted, whereupon Blitz lost his head and fled, firing six shots. Pistelli, an innocent bystander, was hit and killed. Blitz ran to Sderoth Smuts, where he hid in the bushes for most of the same night.

Nine months later, Blitz, Weiss and Burstein again allegedly tried to rob the Zafon Cinema, but were frightened off by the night watchman.

After the Pistelli shooting, Blitz moved to 54 Rehov Rashi, where he learned that a piano teacher had a room to let. Blitz had earlier learned to play in Jerusalem, and when the teacher heard him for the first time, she was convinced that he was talented. For four months, the young man played the piano every evening for several hours. He played mostly Bach and Mozart.

It was in Rehov Rashi that Blitz met Mordechai Weiss, the two men living in adjoining rooms on the first floor. Weiss, who lost his family in concentration camps came here with Youth Aliya from Poland in 1949. Blitz and Weiss became friendly, and planned the Frankfurter hold-up on April 29 of this year. Burstein, who had been discharged from the police because he was considered unbalanced, was a friend of Weiss, and made up the trio.

From stories told *The Jerusalem Post* by neighbours, it appears that Blitz also had a vicious side to his nature. He would be seen spending hours throwing a dagger at targets in his room, and would have his radio blaring at all hours of the night. He and Weiss spent much time chain-smoking and drinking beer, and one night when a neighbour knocked on Blitz's door to ask him to turn the radio lower, Blitz took off his spectacles and asked if the man wanted to fight him. On another occasion he spent the whole night playing the flute.

Blitz had been unemployed since April 13, when he was dismissed from the Travel Agents Association because of persistent lateness. He also practised less at the piano, and rent and lesson payments became erratic. Weiss, too, was without regular work.

Both men left Rehov Rashi on June 5. Blitz took a room in Holon and Weiss in Bnei Brak. Three weeks ago, Blitz moved to Haifa, but left some suitcases at the Holon room. It was there that police claim to have recovered four of the guns stolen from the Frankfurter shop.

About two months ago, Blitz allegedly broke into his former work place, the offices of the Travel Agents Association, and stole a number of passports. It is thought that he moved to Haifa to make arrangements for going abroad.

On Thursday, the suspects appeared at an identification parade, all wearing plaster over their noses. One of the Zafon shooting eyewitnesses immediately pointed out Blitz, it is learned.

A neighbour, who was hit over the head during the Frankfurter shop hold-up, identified the trio as the men who held up the arms shop.

Blass Reports Favourably On Steel City Prospects

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A unanimous recommendation to go ahead with the planning and execution of the Acre Steel City as envisioned by the Koor Company was presented last week by the Blass Committee to the Ministers of Finance and of Commerce and Industry. The committee was appointed to review the plans for the Steel City following the adverse report of the Ministry of Finance expert, Dr. A. Ehrdreich.

The tables included in the Blass Committee Report, although differing slightly from the original Koor company figures, diverge considerably from the figures given by Dr. Ehrdreich in his report opposing the expansion of the present facilities at the Steel City and at the iron ore mine at Manara in Upper Galilee.

The Blass Committee especially stresses the importance of the fact that the entire steel production process, from the mining of the ore to the final alloy production, would be concentrated in one project. At the same time, the report recommends that further experiments and pilot tests be carried out at the Manara mine before full-scale mining operations are begun.

The Committee also stresses the absolute necessity of keeping the entire process within the confines of one company, and further recommends the production of special high-grade steels at the plant.

The Committee estimates the cost of rolled iron at

Three Estimates

	Blass Report	Koor	Ehrdreich
Total investment required	IL.m. 55.4	IL.m. 52	IL.m. 97.2
Investment in $	$m. 23.1	$m. 14.2	$m. 20.5
Cost of Dollar Saved	IL. 2.340	IL. 2.183	IL. 10.750
Dollars saved per ton of steel	$ 48.30	$ 58.80	$ 15.00
Estimate of investments to date	IL.m. 18	IL.m. 18	IL.m. 27

IL.281 per ton including $67.50, which covers a nine per cent return on the investment and a rate of amortization of 15 years. The Committee adds that the price per ton would come down to IL.261, including $78.30, if ore were to be imported from Venezuela instead of being brought from Manara.

The main differences in estimates between the Ehrdreich Report and the Blass Committee are in the evaluation of the running-in costs of the plant, the required working capital, development of roads in the plant area, and in the inclusion of the costs of the construction of a special power station to serve the Steel City in the project's overall costs.

Dr. Ehrdreich estimates the running-in costs at IL32.9m. while the Blass Committee brings them down to IL2.4m.; the former estimates the required working capital at IL18.3m. while the Blass Committee puts them at IL8.9m. The Committee also takes exception to Dr. Ehrdreich's inclusion of the cost of power plant in that of the whole project as it points out that this cost is already accounted for by the inclusion of amortization costs of the electric plant and interest on the investment.

The Committee also points out that, following its visit to Germany, it was convinced that the electric smelting process chosen for the Steel City was the one best suited to the dimensions of the plant and to local conditions.

Carmel Opposed To Bus Nationalization

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Ministry of Transport's opposition to immediate nationalization of the bus cooperatives was expressed by the Minister, Mr. M. Carmel, before the Histadrut Enquiry Commission on Friday here, it is learned.

(It will be recalled that Mr. Carmel opposed ownership of bus transportation in an interview for *The Jerusalem Post* Transport Supplement on July 4.)

The Histadrut Commission, headed by Mayor Abba Khoushi of Haifa, was instructed by Hevrat Ovdim to investigate the quickest means of bringing the bus cooperatives under public ownership.

The Minister told the Commission that his officials were now preparing a comprehensive plan for increasing public control over the cooperatives.

"If these controls do not prove effective over the next two years, then and only then, should the idea of public ownership be considered," he said.

Councillor Quits Over Dual Loyalty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Councillor Shmuel Altmann, Mapai, a member of the Artisans Association Executive, on Sunday handed in his resignation to the Council. He did so to free himself of the "dual loyalty" which led him to vote for a rates increase for artisans in obedience to party discipline but contrary to the interests of his Association.

D-A COUNTERS MAZLIAH CLAIM

TEL AVIV. — The only thing that has been testified to in court so far is that Avraham Mazliah is the son of one Sabah Said of Baghdad, but no proof has been brought that this Sabah Said was the son of the late Prime Minister of Iraq, Nuri Said, or that Avraham Mazliah is Nuri Said's grandson, the District Attorney, Mr. Ya'acov Bar-Or, claimed in his summing up in the District Court here on Sunday.

Seventeen-year-old Avraham Mazliah has applied to be recognized as Nuri Said's grandson and heir to his fortune.

The District Attorney said that the only acceptable evidence submitted had been that of Avraham's mother, Mrs. Najla Mazliah, who actually testified on only two points: that she had married one Sabah Said in Baghdad and that she had borne him a son, Avraham Mazliah, in Baghdad in November 1941.

He countered the claim that it was commonly known that Sabah Said was Nuri Said's son by declaring that such "common knowledge" in connection with public figures could be admitted in an Israel court only when it concerned Israelis.

He further stipulated that before dealing with the petition itself, the District Court should decide whether or not it was within its jurisdiction as the case logically fell within the province of the Moslem Sharia Courts.

Striking Engineers Not Getting Paid

Post Labour Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The 1,000 engineers in Government service will not get paid for their recent week-long strike. The Histadrut Central Committee on Sunday rejected the Engineers Union's demand for strike pay and proposed to the Civil Service Commission that salaries for the period be deducted from the men's annual vacation.

All members of the Central Committee took the opportunity of deploring the strike although Mr. Y. Woschina, for Ahdut Ha'avoda voted against the decision to deduct pay from the temporarily-employed strikers. The Mapam delegate, Mr. Y. Yudin, did not participate in the voting.

Top American Labour Leaders Bring Greetings on 'Tenth'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two top American Labour leaders, representing 13 million workers organized in the American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations, arrived in Israel on Sunday, and immediately met with the Prime Minister.

They are Mr. George M. Harrison, President of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, and Mr. Jacob S. Potofsky, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. Both are Vice-Presidents of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., and Mr. Harrison has been chosen by President Eisenhower as a member of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. General Assembly.

The labour leaders have come to bring the good wishes of the American labour movement to Israel on the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary.

William Green Centre

On Monday (today) they will dedicate the William Green Cultural Centre in Haifa. Before leaving Jerusalem for Haifa they will be received by President Ben-Zvi. On Sunday evening they were the dinner guests of the Jerusalem Labour Council.

Mr. Potofsky is accompanied by his wife. They were received at Lydda Airport by Messrs. Reuven Barkatt, Aharon Becker and Isaac Hamlin, of the Histadrut. Mr. Harrison will leave on Wednesday to prepare for the General Assembly, while Mr. Potofsky will remain for 12 days.

Indian Socialist Leader Arrives

TEL AVIV. — Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, the noted Indian Socialist leader, Mrs. Narayan and two secretaries arrived by B.E.A. from Cyprus early on Sunday morning for a week's visit as guests of the Histadrut and Mapai.

Mr. Narayan, who is noted for his support of the Bhoodan movement which advocates a "change of heart" in the people towards property, went to Ma'ale Hahamisha later in the morning and was due to stay there overnight.

On his arrival, Mr. Narayan said he was here to learn — and that, in the first place, he wished to know everything about kibbutz life.

Mr. Narayan — widely referred to as "J.P." (an abbreviation of his first name) — studied for seven years in the U.S. during the 20's, making his living the hard way. He was associated with the Communists when he returned to India, but broke with them in 1940. He helped found the Praja Socialist Party, which supports democratic socialism and Gandhiism at the same time.

It was "J.P." who represented Gandhiism in this party most staunchly until, in 1954, he announced he would dedicate his life to Bhoodan — a land reform programme to be implemented by voluntary donations. Some 4,000 villages in India have adhered to this plan.

Ottman Loses High Court Bid

The High Court on Sunday turned down a petition by Ahmed Ali Ottman leader of the Shatta prison break —for an order *nisi* in the form of *habeas corpus* against the Commissioner of Prisons and the Warder of Tel Mond Prison.

Ottman, who was carried into court on a stretcher, claimed that he was being held in isolation, that he was not permitted to write letters to his family, nor see Red Cross representatives. He also requested that he be given the services of a lawyer from abroad.

Ottman reclined on the stretcher, which was propped upright against the court benches. One of his legs, which was injured in the prison break, was hidden in a plaster cast. He requested that the hearing be held in English, to dispense with the need for an Arabic translation; the session was conducted partly in English and partly in Hebrew translation.

The Court turned down the application after hearing Mr. C. Bach, Deputy State Attorney, who also read a letter from the Commissioner of Prisons, Dr. Z. Hermon. The Court declared it had become clear that Ottman was being held in the Tel Mond prison hospital both for medical and security reasons.

Dr. Hermon stated in his letter that Ottman's room was not a narrow isolation cell, of the type used for punishment, but a large hospital room. He was receiving the personal requirements to which he was legally entitled.

Mr. Bach noted that this did not constitute imprisonment, but isolation for reasons of security, according to paragraph 6 of regulation 111 (under which Ottman is being held) which permits the Commissioner of Prison not to observe the rules and regulations usually applicable to prisoners. Concerning the letters and meetings with Red Cross representatives, Mr. Bach declared that Ottman had not mentioned these in his written application, so there had been no time to clarify the claims. Even if the claim concerning the Red Cross was true, Mr. Bach declared, no such privilege was extended to a man who had come to this country of his own accord and then committed a criminal offence.

Ottman's police file has been transferred to the Haifa District Attorney's Office for the submission of a charge sheet against him for his part in the break, Mr. Bach said.

Mr. Bach undertook to see to it that the Legal Aid Society provided counsel for the petitioner.

When Ottman said he did not want a local advocate but one from abroad, Justice Agranat explained that the Court could only ensure that he was given a local lawyer. The petitioner could then consult with the advocate to determine what his legal rights were. Justice Agranat emphasized that a lawyer appointed by the Legal Aid Society had no connection with the prosecution.

The Court was composed of Justices Agranat, Silberg and Goitein. (Hin.)

TEL AVIV RAISES GARBAGE RATE

TEL AVIV.— Municipal rates for garbage collection are to be raised by 10 per cent from October 1, the Municipal Council decided Sunday by a 16-13 vote.

Mayor Haim Levanon told the Council that the Minister of Interior had approved the rise for six months on the advice of Mekorot and Tahal. The increased rate would bring in about IL600,000.

In answer to a question, the Mayor announced that text books distributed in Municipal schools would be confiscated after the Succot holiday, from children whose parents had failed to pay the Municipal education levy. School principals had approved of this plan, in preference to withholding the books altogether for a month, as they had done last year.

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Quest for Unlimited Power

'Atoms for Peace' At Geneva

By JOHN DAVY

GENEVA (OFNS). — DOMINATING the U.N. Atoms for Peace conference in Geneva is one theme: harnessing the power of the hydrogen bomb. American and British work on the problem has now been completely declassified, and it seems that most of the Russian work is coming out into the open too.

This work is exciting scientists, not only because of the ultimate goal itself — which is to obtain unlimited power by consuming heavy hydrogen from sea water in a thermo-nuclear reactor — but because of the variety of novel ideas and techniques needed to attain it, and the strange new phenomena being encountered on the way.

The central problem is to make heavy hydrogen gas hot enough, and keep it hot long enough, for fusion reactions to take place and release energy.

Until now, it has been difficult enough to think of *any* way of doing this. But the concerted onslaught on the problem in America, Russia, Britain and other countries is producing results. Scientists are beginning to think of an embarrassing number of possible solutions.

Experimental Devices

Some of their ideas have already been incorporated in experimental devices. Britain has Zeta, Sceptre at the A.E.I. laboratories, and Minni at the Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment. America has the stellarator at Princeton, the DCX "mirror machine" at Oak Ridge, a whole family of devices at the California University Radiation Laboratory, and at Los Alamos the "Perhapsotron" and "Scylla."

The Russians startled the conference by revealing the existence of Ogra, basically a stainless steel tube 11 metres long and a metre wide, which for sheer size eclipses any other thermonuclear device yet built. This is at the Nuclear Energy Institute near Moscow, and has only just been completed. The Russians hope they will be able to demonstrate true thermonuclear reaction inside the tube by October. A group of engineers at Leningrad has also constructed an almost exact replica of Zeta during the past six months. Russian representatives look faintly embarrassed when cross-questioned about this device, which they have named — not without humour — "Alpha." It differs from the Harwell machine only in insignificant detail.

Many ways of heating and containing hot gas are being studied, using powerful electric arcs, shock waves, high frequency vibrations and ingenious "magnetic pumps." In some machines, the gas is heated up quickly, in others a gradual build-up is planned. Gas is being heated in straight and circular tubes whirled round in peculiar centrifuge-like machines, twisted in spirals and bounced back and forth between magnetic "pirrors."

"Mirror Machines"

These so-called "mirror machines" — which include the Russian Ogra and the American DCX are particularly intriguing. Their main purpose is to provide an efficient magnetic bottle which will contain very hot gas. The gas could then be heated by other means and injected gradually into the bottle until there was enough present to start a thermonuclear reaction. The reaction could be kept going by continuing to top up the bottle with more gas, and the result would be a steadily-burning thermonuclear furnace.

In both Ogra and the DCX machine the magnetic bottle is a sausage-shaped magnetic field produced inside a metal tube. The field restricts at each end, producing in effect two magnetic corks which prevent the gas from escaping. These corks also act as magnetic mirrors, bouncing the gas back into the main body of the "sausage."

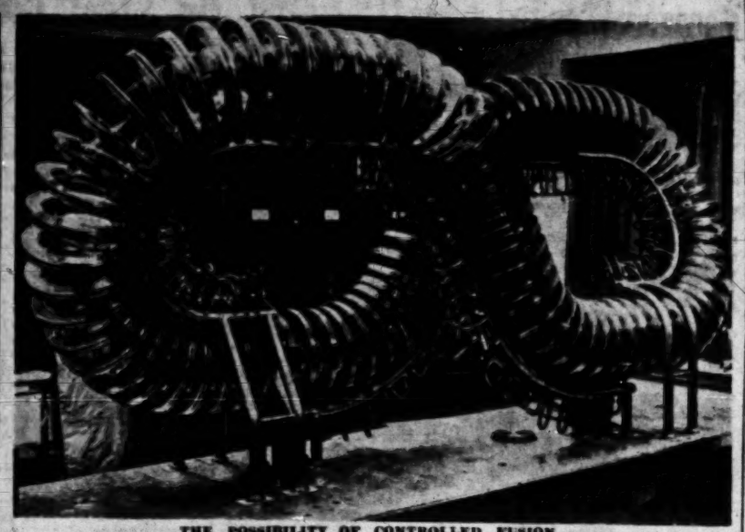
The problem is to get the gas into the bottle. In both these machines, the gas is injected into the middle of the bottle. The gas atoms then start spirally towards the middle. The trouble is that they then easily leak out of the injection hole. The Americans are hoping to use a very ingenious type of electric arc which will fire the gas into the bottle in such a way that once in it will spin past the entrance without leaking out. The Russians have simply made their machine extremely big. They hope that by the time the gas has bounced off the mirrors and returned to the injection point it will have had time to undergo nuclear reactions which will prevent it from leaking out.

No one knows whether in this sort of device there is the germ of a practical thermonuclear power station. Many scientists here — including non-British ones — still seem to think that the Zeta approach at Harwell looks like being one of the most promising and straightforward. It has certainly produced the hottest gas for the longest time of any system so far, and it looks capable of much further development.

Expensive Gamble

It seems, however, that Harwell scientists may soon have to make a crucial decision. Certain recent theories suggest that the Zeta type of machine will have to be made extremely large before it can be really stable and effective. Such a machine would need electric current of at least 2,000,000 amperes to work it. In-between sizes may be a waste of time to build. But the full size version will be extremely expensive, and a gamble, since apart from anything else, electric current of this size has never been handled before. In most fields of science and engineering, it is possible to start with a small prototype and gradually work up, solving new problems as they turn up. The Harwell Zeta team, however, may soon have to decide whether to take a very big leap into unknown regions.

Zeta, and the other new devices, are the expression of the turbulent growth of a whole new branch of science. It is an exciting experience for scientists to watch the headlong growth of this bewildering but stimulating jungle of new ideas and techniques. Many years of research, experiment, as well as some failure and disappointment, will be needed before the ground can be cleared for the first true thermonuclear power station.



THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTROLLED FUSION

Scientists have made steady progress in the programme to "tame" the hydrogen bomb for peaceful production of power. Extremely difficult problems in the control of fusion must be solved before the world may enjoy the possible ultimate rewards — the cheapest power ever produced and a worldwide unlimited fuel supply that can be converted directly into electricity in efficient, safe power plants. This endless tube in the shape of a figure eight and wound with copper wire is a model of a Stellarator, one of the U.S. machines used in research to "harness" the H-bomb for beneficial purposes. Delegates and visitors to the Geneva Atomic Conference can see the device in operation. In the tube, the "fusion" of light elements produces an ionized gas called plasma. The gas is heated to several hundred thousand degrees for a few thousandths of a second. The plasma is confined in the tube by a magnetic field generated by electric current flowing through the wire encircling the tube.

Planned Merger Raises Problems (III)

J.N.F. in Midstream

By SHALOM COHEN

TIME is catching up with the Israel side of the little blue box, the mute J.N.F. *shaliah* which has for so many years brought this country into the homes of the humble and the rich of world Jewry. The blue box will no doubt remain for many years — its work of fund-raising and Zionist propagation is by no means over. At the Israel end, however, the changes now being considered regarding the relation of the J.N.F. to the State, though perhaps not drastic, indicate that something like a halfway house has been reached.

The establishment of the State saw many a reappraisal and transformation of the Zionist institutions. The Political Department of the Jewish Agency, for instance, became the nucleus of the Foreign Ministry; the Haganа and Palmah gave way to the Israel Defence Forces. (But a reminder that certain Zionist functions were still to remain outside of the Government came when a Ministry of Immigration was created, only to be wound up soon afterwards, leaving *aliya* to the Jewish Agency.)

Anomalous Position

For some years now, the development of the State organization found the J.N.F., a Zionist institution which pre-dated the State, in somewhat of an anomalous position here in Israel: hence an Interministerial Government committee's recommendations for merging certain J.N.F. and Government activities and the establishment of two authorities, one a Government body to administer both J.N.F. and State lands, and the other, under J.N.F. aegis, to be the exclusive agency for land development. The extreme solution to the problem, for the Government entirely to take over the work of the Keren Kayemet here, was not adopted by the committee, which included Cabinet Ministers Eshkol, Naftali, Luz and Sapir, and J.N.F. Director Yosef Weitz. Now is not the time, it was thought. As a senior official commented on the recommendations: "In Israel, the practical is not always the logical." And so it was suggested that the J.N.F. should hand over the administration (not ownership) of its lands to the Government and the Government would hand over to the J.N.F. all land development, including some now carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture. The J.N.F., along with the Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod, remains an independent non-Governmental body within the Zionist Organization.

Before the State, at a time when every dunam bought bore political and strategic significance, the emphasis of the J.N.F.'s work was on purchasing land from non-Jews. Then its other function, land development, took second place. The great difficulties experienced in buying land during the Mandate also left little cash for it.

All this changed the day the State was established. The Keren Kayemet now concentrates on land development, i.e. reclamation, afforestation and drainage, and only in minor cases does it now buy land.

It is believed that Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, who set up the committee, was the main moving force behind a radical reorganization. (He is known to have referred to the Zionist organizations as the scaffolding for the building that has remained standing after the building—i.e. the State—was completed.) Mr. Eshkol, who was chairman of the committee, holds that the J.N.F. is now somewhere midstream but is anxious, as Finance Minister, to preserve the Fund as far as possible.

Not Final

All sides concerned take pains to stress that no final decision has yet been taken on the committee's recommendations and their details are open to change. Before the proposed Supreme Lands Authority and the Land Development Authority come into existence, certain procedures have yet to be completed. The recommendations have already been approved by the J.N.F. Directorate, the Jewish Agency plenary Executive, which, however, decided that any agreement was to be submitted for ratification to the Inner Zionist General Council which will probably meet in October.

On the Government side, the Economic Ministers Committee gave the recommendations its blessing last March, and they now await the Cabinet's attention. More pressing items have delayed their consideration. The Cabinet will presumably get round to them before the October meeting of the Zionist Organization body. Then the actual reorganization itself can be expected to be a long time in the making.

This is the third of a series of articles. The others appeared on September 5 and 7.

WHO WILL CUT FIRST?

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

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Stand Against Nasser

IF Mr. Hammarskjold, in the words of the Cairo spokesman, has nothing to say to Israel and his Jerusalem stopover is merely a courtesy gesture, writes Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda), then Israel should certainly inform him that in her view the gist of the Middle East problem is how to send Nasser back to the Nile and stop him from dominating the Middle East and that Arab nationalism should be directed into more constructive channels and cease to cherish hopes of annihilating Israel.

Hatzofe (National Religious) feels sure that Mr. Hammarskjold has been told that a resuscitated Arab League under Nasser cannot command our confidence for the Cairo-Damascus formula still hinges on the prospects of a second round. If the Secretary-General addresses his efforts to the right problem and gets the Arabs to pay more attention to their obligations under the Armistice Agreements, he will have gone far in successfully passing the test before him.

What the U.N. Secretary-General is seeking, comments **Herut**, is an Israel assurance that she will sit back and watch Jordan fall to the depredations of the Egyptian dictator and allow his hordes to enter Jerusalem. He should never receive such an assurance.

The respite offered by the secondary school teachers' deferment of a showdown over their demands till after the Succot holidays gives **Ha'aretz** (non-party) an opportunity to analyze the situation and to reach the conclusion that the problem is a very thorny one. The demands should be met, but raising all teachers' salaries in line with the undertaking that they would not be discriminated against in comparison with other professionals will be more than the Government, the municipalities or the parents can bear. The only possible solution lies in a bold government move to sever the connection between secondary and elementary school salaries.

Hamodia (World Aguda) alleges that Aluf-Mishne Peled's gesture in handing to the Mayor of Jerusalem a small pennant patterned after the newly-awarded flag of the Jerusalem Reserve Unit was a deliberate attempt to exploit this military occasion for political and personal purposes. The Minister of Defence should reprimand those who were responsible, writes the paper, claiming that "Army discipline alone prevented the soldiers who were present from giving vent to their feelings in no uncertain terms."

Readers' Letters

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I wish to complain about the behaviour of the lorry drivers who bring animals to the slaughter house. The animals are thrown out of the lorries as though they were stones. Children watch the spectacle with fascination. I live opposite the slaughter house and see the same scene every week.

Is there no law in Israel which protects these creatures? Where is the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals?

I trust that something can be done about this situation.

Yours, etc.,
SIMON HATRAZI

Tel Aviv, August 31.

We understand that the revival of the Tel Aviv Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is being undertaken by Dr. Yaroslavsky of that city. — ED.

WIZO CENTRE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to an article by me, "Gat Becomes a Town," which appeared in your issue of August 19, I have been asked to amplify my reference to the Centre built with funds provided by Mrs. Marks-Kennedy, (sister of Rebecca Sieff), as follows:

The Centre is a Wizo Women's Centre, conceived as a vocational training and cultural centre for women on the spot and eventually as a community hall. It was the first public building to be erected in Kiryat Gat.

The Centre is one of the chain of Wizo Centres for Women which are going up in the development areas.

Yours, etc.
PHILIP GILLON

Ashkelon, August 27.

KEEPING POSTED

ATTENDING the Symphony Concerts, as everyone knows, is not so much a matter of money to buy a ticket, but of having got to this country in time — say around 1936 — to get one of the original subscriptions, which have since become jealously guarded family heirlooms. (Some people say that tidy sums in key-money have even been paid for places at the concerts by people who have lately come up in the world and want to make sure that society is properly aware of this fact.)

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WE appointed a special correspondent from among the subscription holders to attend this year's ceremony of the renewing of the subscriptions in Jerusalem. Owing to the fact that the concerts have shifted from the Edison Cinema to the new and larger hall at the Binyanei Ha'ooma, the business was a little more elaborate than usual. The Orchestra management has figured out equivalent seats in the new hall, but it is hardly to be expected that old-time subscribers will accept these without at least trying for something better, particularly as the rumour has got around that the best and most expensive seats are being held in reserve for mere wretched newcomers to this elect society, who may be tempted by this bait.

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Our man went early, for he figured that the three hours a day for ten working days allowed for this process by the Orchestra worked out at no more than a few minutes for each family of ticket-holders, and that late-comers might have to compete with the larger crowds that may be expected when the sale of the remaining subscriptions is thrown open to the general public. He arrived a little before opening time on the first day to find a queue of about 200 outside the dingy little upstairs office in which the ritual was to be carried out. In due course the door was opened and a few people admitted. Then the door quickly banged shut again to prevent a riot in the chamber itself. The first 80 or so remained jammed on a dark staircase, immobilized for about two hours.

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"VERY like a shelter in the siege," he reported. "You knew all the people of course — been meeting them at the concert all these years. There was the same high-toned music talk there always was outside the Edison, waiting for the first show of the cinema to come out. Mitropoulos took the Third Movement a trifle fast; Richard Tucker produced a flat note. And the programme, terrible, terrible. There are, after all, no snobs like music snobs." From time to time a customer came out, putting the new ticket away and squeezing through the crowd. From time to time, two or three supplicants were admitted. The rest stayed in the dark and shifted their weight from one foot to the other.

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INSIDE were three clerks, one to study the old ticket, one to look for the new one, and a third to take the money. One old-timer had lost his subscription card and the team set to work on some erudite research to discover where his seat had been. He did not care for the compromise seats offered to him. The argument waxed hot — the kind of argument that is just a matter of energy. The waiting queue joined in to protest against the waste of time. The subscriber said he'd lived in Jerusalem longer than anybody and was not going to sit out in the sticks somewhere. Everybody got excited. The crowd on the stairs jammed up closer to hear better and join in the debate. The atmosphere was stifling. Nobody gave up. They'd sat out the siege: they'd sit out this argument. Suddenly a missing counterfoil was discovered, the seats restored, and the protesting music-lover ushered out by a side exit for safety.

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ANOTHER riot threatened with the appearance of one of those people who squeeze through queues "just to ask." A volunteer offered to answer his questions. Tickets would be on sale until such and such a date. Seating was in accordance with a mysterious schedule already worked out. Prices in accordance with the printed slip distributed to the queue. Next question please. The queue-crasher said sullenly, "Lady, they should pay you a salary," and left, defeated.

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IT is still going on, every afternoon from 4 to 7, in Rehov Hillel. But it is nothing to the trouble there will be in another couple of weeks when the general sale starts. (Some people say that a tidy sum to a ticket agent works wonders, but others add that the State Controller already has his eye on their tickets and will confiscate them).

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THE parents of a boy of eight who has just returned from some years in the United States report he quite enjoyed his first day at school here. During break it seems he got lost in the school building and wandered into a room where the teachers were having their mid-morning tea. He was surprised but friendly. "Hey," he said "What goes on here? They didn't tell me there was any tea-party," and sat down.

Today's contributors include M.S., and R., Jerusalem.

AT THE CINEMA

ALTHOUGH "The Great Bluff" (Zion, Jerusalem) could be called point-blank by the liftboy of the Sharon Hotel, the film is fun. Eddie Constantine, that most popular slapper and kicker of the international screen who never gets a mark on him, this time acts almost in between fisticuffs. The females are uniformly exquisite and the direction has speed. The proofreader of the subtitles, by the way, should be more careful if the hero, having taken a thrashing, thanks his lady for a massage in French and for a "message" in English.

Another Gerhart Hauptmann

NOW that we have seen "Rose Bernd," we have been given the German screen version of "Fuhrmann Henschel's" at the Edison (Jerusalem). This straight filmed drama loses a good deal by the elimination of the dialect and even more by the fact that a story written in 1899 and set in the 'sixties is even less suitable for modern treatment than Hamlet being played in tails. The problem of domestic help has rather changed, and keepers of livery stables have completely died out. Walter Richter is as earthy horsey a "Fuhrmann" as he was a "Postmeister" in "Dunja." Nadja Tiller's *"verfuehrerische Magd"* is more seductive than a servant girl. Romanovski, best of them all as the wicked waiter, comes across on his motorbike in 1957 without any apparent difficulty.

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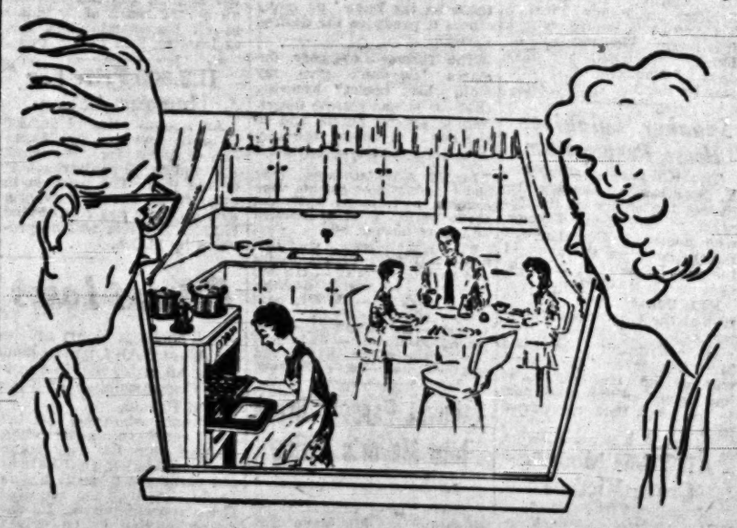

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